

TOPIC Finow Airfield

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26 to 28 January. No air activity was observed from the direction of Eberswalde.

29 January. During the morning, there was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. During the afternoon, no flights were made. The alert formation was parked on the auxiliary runway about 100 meters north of the point of intersection between the two runways. About 55 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the northern edge of the field. Two aircraft were towed by trucks from the northern section of the auxiliary runway to the dispersal area on the northern edge of the taxiway. The noses of the aircraft were coupled to the rear of the trucks.

30 January to 2 February. No air activity was observed.

3 February. At 1445, a Li-2 landed at the field. There was a 10/10 overcast and poor visibility.

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5 to 7 February. No air activity was observed.

8 February. Between 1400 and 1530, individual local flights were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.

2 February. A total of 55 to 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were stationed at the field. No air activity was observed. The alert formation of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was still parked on the usual dispersal area on the auxiliary runway 100 meters north of the intersection of the two runways. The noses of the aircraft pointed to the south.

10 February. Between 1930 and 2145, 9 take-offs and landings were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s with set position lights. No searchlights were observed.

11 February. Between 1845 and 2300, there was air activity by swept-back jet fighters including 3 aircraft with set position lights which made formation flights. The landings were individually made at intervals of 1 1/2 minute. The aircraft remained aloft for 6 to 8 minutes. The boundary lights and the rotary searchlight on the flight control building were switched on.

12 February. Between 1100 and 1230, 8 individual MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over Eberswalde. FL

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13 February. No air activity was observed.

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14 February. Between 1115 and 1640, air activity was heard from the direction of Eberswalde. There was poor visibility.

15 February. Between 1100 and 1230, swept-back jet fighters crossed over Eberswalde 10 to 12 times. ¹

2. Radio and radar installations:

On 29 January, the model AA 4 MK 3 radar set and the Fishnet-type radar set were observed near the point of intersection of the two runways. At 1445, the Token-type radar set in the emplacement southeast of Finow estate was not in operation. The two umbrella-type antennas were still observed on the roof of the barn of Finow estate. At 1600, the Token-type radar set near Sommerfelde was rotating.

At 1430 on 14 February, the Token-type set southeast of Finow estate made 4 to 4 1/2 rotations per minute. At the same time, one aircraft was aloft. ²

3. AA

No change was observed in the AA gun emplacement 300 meters southwest of the eastern gap in the fence. On one day, 20 soldiers were seen in the emplacement but no details of military activity could be observed. ³

4. Security measures

One sentry armed with a carbine was posted at the main guardhouse and another sentry with a machine gun in the ammunition dump north of the main guardhouse. Two sentries armed with carbines and escorted by police dogs were seen near the barracks aft of the board fence. The dogs molested the traffic on the road.

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5. Motor vehicles

Vehicular traffic observed included motor vehicles

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1. Comment. Finow airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. There was only little air activity. About 60 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted on the landing field. MiG-15 ¹ has previously been observed in Finow.

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2. Comment. The radio and radar installations have been confirmed. On 14 February, when air activity was conducted by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s and visibility was poor, the Token-type radar set southeast of Finow estate made 4 to 4 1/2 rotations per minute.

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3. Comment. Motor vehicle ¹ has previously been observed in Werneuchen and ² is reported for the first time.

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